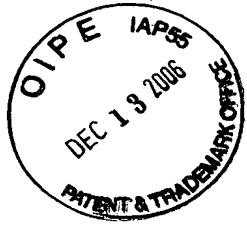


**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Roger A. McCurdy  
Serial No. : 09/494,954  
Filing Date : February 1, 2000  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONTROLLING AN ACTUATABLE  
OCCUPANT PROTECTION DEVICE  
USING AN ULTRASONIC SENSOR  
Group Art Unit : 3611  
Examiner : Lee S. Lum Vannucci  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(TE)4170  
Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.